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As below named inventor(s) we hereby declare that:

We believe we are the original first and joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled : "MEMBRANE FILTER AGAR MEDIUM FOR SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION OF TOTAL COLIFORMS AND E. COLI", which was filed on August 9, 2001 and assigned Serial No.09/924,950.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37 CFR 1.56(a).

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by ;the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application.

USSN 09/369,173, filed August 5, 1999, now pending

USSN 08/117,342, filed September 7, 1993 now US Pat. 6,063,590

USSN 07/793,881, filed November 18, 1991, now abandoned

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